Celebrating The Life Of



Burt Eugene Ellison

March 18, 1946 - January 16, 2014

- Service Held -

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Church Of Christ - Southside · 1501 Florida Ave. · Richmond, CA

Minister, Brother Sam Morris, Officiating

Burt Eugene Ellison

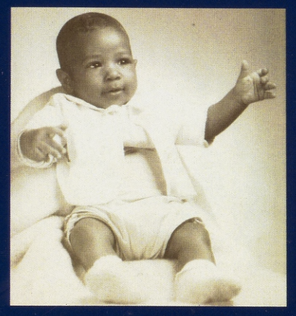
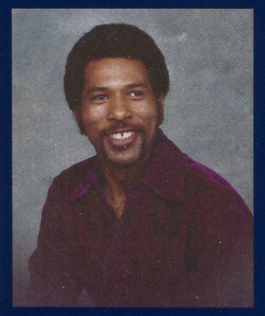
Burt Eugene "Rocky" Ellison was born on March 18, 1946 in Berkeley, California to the proud parents of Lawrence Birt Ellison and Lillian Petgrave Ellison. The second of five children, he graduated in 1964 from Harry Ells High School in Richmond California, and soon thereafter attended Cogswell College in San Francisco California.

Burt joined the U.S. Army in 1966 and served as a construction specialist in Germany until 1969. As a result of this military experience he was able to expand his engineering knowledge to include the practical aspects of construction with emphasis on concrete work as well as the operation and maintenance of electrical power generators. In 1973, following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he joined the Contra Costa County Fire Department and retired from them in 2004 with over 30 years of service as a firefighter and Apparatus Operator.

In 1970, Burt married and during this 7 year union a son and a daughter were born, Lamont Eugene Ellison and Dawn Elyse Ellison. He was such a loving and devoted father that he selflessly sacrificed his personal life in order to properly raise his children alone. His devotion was such that even in his retirement he spent countless hours interacting and caring for his grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoyed working in many aspects of construction, home improvement, and vehicle maintenance always looking to extend help to family, friends, and new acquaintances with their projects before giving attention to his own.

God called Burt home on January 16, 2014 and he is survived by his longtime partner Carol Nakamura and two children Lamont and Dawn Ellison. He is also survived by his grandchildren Curtis and Jonelle Ellison, and Leighana and Josalyn Taylor; by his siblings Richard Ellison, Bruce Ellison, Clarice Ellison-Dixson and Sonya Ellison-Caro as well as aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Burt is now peacefully resting in heaven, sipping on his coffee while playing the conga drums, and if any of the golden streets need repair you can bet he is cheerfully measuring and sizing up the task with a sly smirk on his face, all the while refusing help from any of the other angels. We thank you Lord for blessing us with the opportunity to have been touched by such a great man. We look forward to reuniting with him one day as he will always be loved, truly missed, and never forgotten.



Order Of Service

Processional		Family
Selection	Amazing Grace	Choir
Scripture		Richard Ellison, Sr.
Prayer		Minister, Brother Sam Morris
Selection	Going Up Yonder	Epheann English
Acknowledgements		Barbara Smith
Expressions		Two Minutes
Selection	Some Day	Choir
Reading of the Obituary		Kimberly Pruitt
Poem	His Journey's Just Begun	Fallon Scoggins
Poem		Dan Blake
Special Honor		CCC Fire Department, Military Honor Guards
Eulogy		Minister, Brother Sam Morris
Parting View	Soon And Very Soon	Choir
Recessional		Family and Minister






Active Pallbearers

Contra Costa County
Fire Department

Military Honor Guards

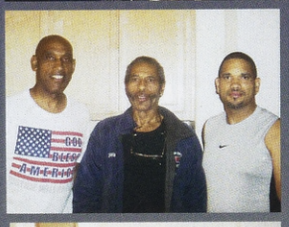
Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Ellison, Sr.

Bruce Ellison
Lawrence B. Ellison
Keith Dixson
Lamont Ellison
Richard Ellison, Jr.
Miguel Caro, III
Armando Caro
Isaac Ellison









His Journey's Just Begun

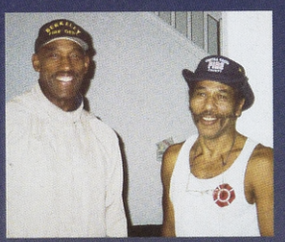
Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This Earth is only one

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth And comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched. . .
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.

- Ellen Brenneman









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